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Commissioner • District 1

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Community Redevelopment Agency Board Members
City Hall
301 South Adams Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Subject: Request to suspend CRA business dealings and further contracting;
Request financial audit;
Request criminal investigation;
Request Roxanne Manning is fired.

Dear CRA Board Members:

I request that the CRA cease and desist executing any further agreements or contracts under the present CRA taxing arrangement. Recent published reports announced that corruption, illegal shake downs and benefits for CRA members are occurring. No public business should proceed or happen in this type of environment. It is important that the issues related to the operation standards are cleared up and that new standards are applied.

Secondly, I request that you obtain an outside agency to conduct a thorough and complete audit of the CRA. The appropriate state government agency, legislative committee or private auditing firm should be assembled as a team of auditors to review all dealings and projects financed by the CRA since 2012.

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Thirdly, I request that you invite the State Attorney to conduct a formal criminal investigation into the Tallahassee CRA. The Governor may choose to appoint a State Attorney from outside the Second Judicial Circuit if he chooses. Why are commissioners negotiating “cuts” and “commission fees” from public transactions? Is bribery and extortion a normal informal process for vendors to endure from staff and CRA affiliates as suggested from published news report?

With this letter I attach my previous complaint sent to the City Manager Rick Fernandez. My complaint from October 2017, outlined why Roxanne Manning should be fired as the head of the CRA. Upon reading recent newspaper accounts about the CRA behind the scenes orchestration of deals involving staff, commissioners and vendors it is difficult to understand why Roxanne Manning has not been fired. Is there a cover-up of some sort? Will you act to correct this grave matter that has shaken public confidence considerably?

The CRA under Manning’s leadership as Executive Director is rotten to its core. Manning is a pernicious force and presence which is evidenced by the corrupt fruit produced under her orchestration as Director of the CRA; so many practices are repugnant and repulsive. Why didn’t the CRA Director stop a public vote upon learning of a shakedown complaint?

As Stewards of the Public Trust, I ask you to not ignore the published newspaper reports that continue to expose the corrupt nature of CRA deals and deal making.

In closing, I ask that you fire Roxanne Manning, suspend all CRA agreements, conduct a financial audit and invite a criminal investigation by the State Attorney. Again, I attach my previous unanswered memo from late last year. I ask that you review all claims made then and request a forthcoming response.

Sincerely,

Bill Proctor
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